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SUBJ: NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE ON FUTURE OF ECEVIT GOVERNMENT

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1. PRIMIN ECEVIT, FOLLOWING HIS MAY 20 MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) ERBAKAN, TOLD PRESS THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND NSP TO FIND SOLUTION TO CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS PROBABLY WOULD "CONTINUE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS". ECEVIT AMPLIFIED HIS EARLIER REMARKS ON DURABILITY OF COALITION BY OBSERVING THAT THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT FUNCTION "UNDER THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ...THAT IS, THE ABILITY OF THE COALITION TO FUNCTION IN VIEW

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OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THE NSP". HE AND ERBAKAN, HE

SAID, WOULD EXPLORE WITH GOOD WILL EVERY POSSIBILITY TO SOLVE THE CRISIS.

2. THERE IS NO FIRM INFORMATION SO FAR ON CONDITIONS TWO PARTIES WILL ATTACHE TO CONTINUATION OF THE COALITION. PRESS SPECULATES THAT RPP WILL ASK FOR GUARANTEES ON FUTURE LEGISLATION AND POSSIBLY FOR REMOVAL OF DISSIDENT NPS SEC GEN, WHILE NSP MAY INSIST ON MORE SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. HIGH NSP OFFICIALS FOR MOST PART ARE EXPRESSING OPTIMISM OVER FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT.

3. PRESIDENT RECEIVED MILITARY COMMANDERS ON MAY 20 REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS RECENT NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING AND SHAPEX-74 EXERCISE IN BRUSSELS. WE HAVE NO POSITIVE INDICATION THAT THIS SESSION WAS CONNECTED WITH POLITICAL CRISIS.

4. COMMENT: RPP'S ANNOUNCED WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW FROM COALITION (REFTEL PROBABLY HAS PUT ECEVIT IN STRONG BARGAINING POSITION TO EXACT PROMISES OF CLOSER FUTURE CO-OPERATION FROM ERBAKAN, WHOSE SMALL PARTY SEEMS TO HAVE BENEFITTED FROM COALITION PROPORTIONATELY MORE THAN RPP. PROBLEM FOR ERBAKAN MAY WELL BE TO CONVINCE RPP THAT HE HAS REESTABLISHED CONTROL OVER HIS PARTY AND THAT DISSIDENTS WILL NOT AGAIN VOTE WITH OPPOSITION ON IMPORTANT BILLS.
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